

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-20 are amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,956,716 to Kenner et al. (herein "Kenner").

First, Applicants note that acknowledgement of the IDS, filed on March 29, 2001, has not been received. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that an initialed copy of the PTO form 1449, filed with the IDS on March 29, 2001, be issued.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-20 are amended to remove the phrase "and/or", as suggested in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Kenner. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

First, Claim 1 is directed to a multimedia data retrieval method that includes, *inter alia*, obtaining the time and location information corresponding to a retrieval request by using event names, and retrieving multimedia data according to the obtained time and location information. Independent Claims 7 and 8 include similar features.

In other words, in at least one embodiment of the claimed invention, a user only needs to enter the event names, and then the relevant multimedia data is automatically found using the corresponding time and location information as a key. In this way, it is possible to realize flexible retrieval of multimedia data by using concepts that are easily comprehensible to

humans based on automatically attached information, such as time and location information, without requiring tedious tasks such as classifying multimedia data or attaching keywords for the purpose of the retrieval.

Applicants respectfully submit that Kenner only discloses a video clip retrieval system in which a request from a user terminal is transmitted to a primary index manager (PIM) via a local storage and retrieval unit (local SRU). In Kenner's system, the local SRU attaches a Regional Identifier to the request, and the PIM uses this Regional Identifier to identify remote index managers (IMs) which may have the requested video information. Then, the PIM retrieves the requested video clips and displays them at the user's terminal by creating a data sequence interface (DSI) for each user.¹ The Regional Identifier is an information that allows the PIM to communicate with specified remote IMs,² and is not a location information indicating a location at which each multimedia data is created. In addition, applicants respectfully submit that the date and time parameters in the clip database table³ are not used in searching the multimedia data.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Kenner completely fails to disclose any teaching for obtaining time and location information by using event names, and retrieving multimedia data by using the obtained time and location information. In fact, Kenner completely fails to teach or suggest a system in which a user only needs to enter the event names, and then the relevant multimedia data can be automatically searched by using the corresponding time and location information as a key.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 7, and 8, and the claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

¹ Kenner at column 4, line 55, to column 5, line 16.

² Kenner at column 9, lines 19-30.

³ Kenner at column 22, lines 16-46.

Next, Claim 9 is directed to an index information providing method including, *inter alia*, obtaining the time and location information corresponding to a retrieval request by using event names, and then providing the obtained time and location information as an index information to a requester. Independent Claims 12, 13, and 19 include similar features.

As discussed above, in at least one embodiment of the claimed invention, it is possible to display information representing contents recorded in multimedia data by using concepts that are easily comprehensible to humans based on automatically attached information, such as time and location information, without requiring tedious tasks such as classifying multimedia data or attaching keywords in advance.

Further, as discussed above, applicants respectfully submit that Kenner only discloses a video clip retrieval system in which the local SRU attaches a Regional Identifier to the request to identify remote index managers (IMs) which may have the requested video information. The Regional Identifier is an information that allows the PIM to communicate with specified remote IMs,⁴ and is not a location information indicating a location at which each multimedia data is created.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Kenner fails to disclose any teaching for obtaining the time and location information by using the event names, and then returning the obtained time and location information as the index information. Further, Kenner completely fails to disclose any teaching for a system in which a user only need to enter the event names, and then the user can obtain the index information given by the corresponding time and location information.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 9, 12, 13, and 19, and the claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

⁴ Kenner at column 9, lines 19-30.

Finally, Claim 14 is directed to an index information providing method including, *inter alia*, obtaining time and location information corresponding to a retrieval request by using event names, then retrieving multimedia data according to the obtained time and location information, and providing the retrieved multimedia data as a retrieval result to the requester. Independent Claims 17, 18, and 20 include similar features.

As discussed above, applicants respectfully submit that Kenner only discloses a video clip retrieval system in which a Regional Identifier is attached to a request from a user terminal, and the Regional Identifier is not a location information indicating a location at which each multimedia data is created. Thus, applicants respectfully submit that Kenner completely fails to disclose any teaching for obtaining the time and location information by using the event names, then retrieving multimedia data by using the obtained time and location information, and returning the retrieved multimedia data, as in the claimed invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 14, 17, 18, and 20, and the claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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